

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
"Questions and Answers" Missile Defense Test
Facilities Contract in Alaska

Q1: What does the contract cover?

A1: The contract covers Ground-Based Midcourse Defense (GMD) Validation of Operational Concept (VOC) test bed facilities at Ft. Greely, Alaska and Eareckson Air Force Station. The proposal is to create a facility that would provide operationally realistic testing. A VOC test bed facility of this nature is like a simulation facility to enhance the use of data and increase statistical confidence in the Missile Defense Program.

Q2: What are IDTs?

A2: In-flight Interceptor Communication System Data Terminal. IDTs are communication posts with satellite and antenna feeds used in the VALIDATION OF OPERATIONAL CONCEPT (VOC) test bed facility.

Q3: When and where will construction begin?

A3: Construction is anticipated to begin in June at Fort Greely as the construction timetable is limited by the weather in this region.

Q4: Will it be able to run year round or is there a clause set-up to cover inclement weather?

A4: The Construction season for this area of Alaska is April - October, so we expect the contractor to have four buildings "enclosed" that are critical to meeting the established beneficial occupancy dates (BOD) specified in the contract so construction may continue from inside until next spring, but we cannot control the weather so hold-ups may still occur, but the Army is committed to seeing the project completed in a timely manner to save on taxpayer dollars.

Q5: How long is the contract set for?

A5: The basic requirement work that will be awarded in the contract is to be completed no later than June 2004. There are options to the contract that could be exercised.

Q6: What was the basis for selecting the successful contractor?

A6: The basis of award as provided for in the solicitation was the proposal that was deemed "most advantageous to the government, price and other factors considered.

Q7: How many jobs will be created by the contract?

A7: Based on the proposal submitted by the contractor and experience, we estimate several hundred jobs during construction. Under the terms of the contract, the contractor will determine the number of employees they use.

Q8: What security clauses have been added to this contract as a result of 9/11?

A8: We DO NOT discuss our security measures.

Q9: What is the cost for the project?

A9: The project will be funded incrementally at a range of \$100 - \$250 million for the basic contract and does not include amounts allotted for exercising options for construction. For further information, contact HNC Public Affairs at 256-895-1690.

Q10: What types of construction materials will be used?

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A10: The construction materials required for the project can be found in detail in the solicitation. You may obtain a copy by going to the website www.hnd.usace.army.mil and clicking on the button doing business with us.

Q11: Aren't we violating the ABM Treaty when construction begins?

Q11: Treaties are negotiated under the President and confirmed by the Senate. For information about the ABM Treaty, please refer to the Department of State and for information regarding missile defense, contact LTC Rick Lehner 703-697-8997, Missile Defense Agency.

Q12: What type of contract is it?

A12: This is a cost plus award fee contract designed to ensure the highest quality work for the least amount of taxpayer dollars. Cost-plus is a cost reimbursement type contract.

Q13: What is the role of the prime contractor? How much control will they have over the project?

A13: The contractor will be building what their contract approves for them to build and supervising their employees. The ultimate acceptance of the work resides with the government. The Alaska District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will have a resident engineer supervising the entire project. Boeing is a partner in this project and is responsible for the system and setting the system requirements. For further information, contact LTC Rick Lehner 703-697-8997, Missile Defense Agency or for Boeing specific questions, please contact Boeing's Monica Aloiso at 703-872-4365.

Q14: Who should I contact to find out more about the role of the prime contractor? Who's in charge of the site? (GMD, COE, etc. . .)

A14: The Alaska District of the Corps of Engineers will manage the contract so any information about the contractor should be available through their Public Affairs Office after April 22. Information prior to April 22 may be coordinated with HNC Public Affairs, 256-895-1690.

Additional Information: The Corps of Engineers is in charge of the facilities construction on the site with the Missile Defense Agency in charge of the overall project. For further information, contact LTC Rick Lehner 703-697-8997, Missile Defense Agency.

Q15: Who will be the primary and/or subcontractors?

Q15: The primary contractor for the project is Fluor Alaska, Inc. For information on their subcontractors, contact the Alaska public affairs office at 907-753-2520.

Q16: How many government vs. contractor personnel will be involved in the project?

A16: The government will have adequate personnel involved to supervise the contract and oversee the project while the contractor should have a range of several hundred peak employees, but we cannot speak definitively for the contractor in such matters.

Q17: What kinds of missiles will be used in the facility?

A: Missiles are not involved in THIS construction project. Construction of missile silos and installation of missiles are part of Boeing's contract. The Corps and Contractors will build a GMD VALIDATION OF OPERATIONAL CONCEPT

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(VOC) test bed facility. For further information, contact LTC Rick Lehner 703-697-8997, Missile Defense Agency.

Q18: When will the facility be operational? When will the first missile be launched?

A18: The construction is a phased process with final construction to be completed by Mar. 2004. The facility should be operational by the end of the fiscal year 2004. For further information, contact LTC Rick Lehner 703-697-8997, Missile Defense Agency.

Q19: When can we visit the construction site?

A19: The Alaska District COE will make arrangements, when possible for site visits. Contact the Alaska public affairs office at 907-753-2520 for more information or to request a visit. Visits to the site should be requested well in advance due to the extreme remote location.

Q20: Is there any danger having this type of facility near local residents?

A20: This is a general construction project with little or no proximity to local residents.

Q21: How many missiles will be on the site?

A21: Missiles are neither involved in the construction of the facility nor in the scope of this contract. For information about missiles, contact LTC Rick Lehner, Missile Defense Agency 703-697-8997

Q22: What is the destructive capability of the missiles?

A22: As stated, we are not in any way involved with missiles. The proponent for missiles is LTC Rick Lehner 703-697-8997, Missile Defense Agency.

Q23: How will missiles be transported to the facility?

A23: The Corps of Engineers is building a VALIDATION OF OPERATIONAL CONCEPT (VOC) test bed facility. For information about missiles contact, LTC Rick Lehner 703-697-8997, Missile Defense Agency.

Q24: How long do you expect the facility to be operational?

A24: The Corps of Engineers is responsible for the construction of the facilities but not the operation. For further information, contact LTC Rick Lehner 703-697-8997, Missile Defense Agency.

Q25: Who should local residents contact if they have concerns or questions about the facility?

A25: Alaska District COE will be in charge of the contract by April 22; they can better answer your questions about the contract. If your questions are not related to the contract, contact LTC Rick Lehner 703-697-8997, Missile Defense Agency.

Q26: How large will the test facility be?

A26: The construction site involves approximately 260 acres at Fort Greely. Refer other Qs LTC Rick Lehner 703-697-8997, Missile Defense Agency.

Q27: How will you handle emergencies? What kind of emergencies might you expect? What about some kind of terrorist threat?

A27: Safety is always a prime consideration at any construction site. As stated in the solicitation, the government will provide emergency response

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and evacuation from the site; all other medical needs are the responsibility of the contractor.

A27B: Safety is always a consideration during any construction project. Medical and emergency procedures are a prime consideration in remote areas, such as this portion of Alaska. We do not discuss our security measures)

Additional: The Engineering and Support Center Huntsville has a construction safety record that speaks for itself. Our percentage of workdays lost due to construction site accidents is about 1/3 of the industry standard. The industry standard is 3.31 days per 100,000 work hours vs. Huntsville Center sites at .15. The Corps is very proud of its safety record, especially when you consider the number of states and countries the Corps touch each year through our districts and contractors.

Q28: Has an environmental impact study been done? If so, what are the findings?

A28: A detailed Environmental Assessment was prepared as required by NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) and returned with a finding of no significant impact (FONSI). Federal law requires a 30-day public comment period on the FONSI, which is the last step prior to awarding the contract. The FONSI has been signed and the contract was awarded April 16, 2002. For further information, contact LTC Rick Lehner 703-697-8997, Missile Defense Agency.

Q29: What impact will the site have on the natural environment? Couldn't it be as detrimental as the pipeline was to some areas?

A29: The pipeline project was built 30 years ago, and the Corps had nothing to do with it. Our plan and environmental review and documents are in full compliance with all applicable law and regulations. Alaska COE can assist you in finding further information on the subjects.

Q30: How will this site effect the fox population that lives nearby?

A30: Issues have been studied and resolved. The finding for the areas is there will be no significant impact, and we are within full compliance of the law with our plan, environmental review, and all applicable laws and regulations. For further information about the environmental impact study, contact LTC Rick Lehner 703-697-8997, Missile Defense Agency.

Q31: Why did it take so long to award the contract? Have any negative comments come back on the finding of no significant impact (FONSI)?

A31: The contract was awarded within a standard timeline. A comment period was completed before the contract could be awarded. We received three comments, however, it was determined that no significant impacts would occur as a result of the construction and operation of the GMD validation of the operational concept test sites and related support facilities. For further information, contact LTC Rick Lehner 703-697-8997, Missile Defense Agency or for questions relating specifically to the contract, please contact Huntsville Center Public Affairs at 256-895-1690.

Q32: Who will "clean" and maintain the site once it is operational? (OE disposal) Will the missiles just be allowed to fall and lay around anywhere?

A32: For information on this topic, contact LTC Rick Lehner 703-697-8997, Missile Defense Agency.

Q33: Is Ft Greely still an operational military base? Who is there now?

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A33: Fort Greely was established during World War II as a site on the new Alaska Highway. It later became a cold weather test facility for the U.S. Army. About ten years ago it was selected by the BRAC process for reduction in scope. The active base, with only several hundred troops in residence, was changed to caretaker status in 2000. However, the Army and other military services retained the land for training. A small part of this land was selected for the GMD VALIDATION OF OPERATIONAL CONCEPT (VOC) test bed site. Fort Wainwright, at Fairbanks, Alaska, now administers the Fort Greely area.

Q34: Will Alaskan natives have the opportunity to be included in the work and how?

A34: Yes, Alaskan natives will have the opportunity to participate as subcontractors on the project. As an incentive for the primes to subcontract to Alaskan Natives, the contract specifies that the prime will be given credit for Alaskan Natives as Small Disadvantaged Business if they meet the following three criteria: 1. An Indian tribe or tribally owned corporation owning at least 50 percent of the joint venture between the prime and AN; 2. the activities of the joint venture under the subcontract provides employment opportunities for Indians either directly or through the purchase of products or services for the performance of the subcontract; 3. the Indian tribe or tribally owned corporation manages the performance of such subcontract. Of the amount the prime subcontracts, 61.4 percent is available for subcontracting to small business concerns and 9.1 percent of the total subcontract dollars under this contract are planned to go to Small Disadvantaged Businesses. The subcontracting plan will have close scrutiny by the Small Business Representative of the USACE Alaska District and Huntsville Engineering and Support Center.

Q35: Which Indian groups are included on the construction side?

A35: The Indian tribes utilized for the construction of the facility can be obtained through the Alaska public affairs office at 907-753-2520.

Q36: What are the percentages of the breakouts for the contractors and subcontractors and where did the input for these percentages come from?

A36: The percentages used in contracts among the Corps of Engineers are utilization floors set by the Chief of Engineers annually. This year, the small business percentages include a requirement for the prime contractor who is subcontracting all or part of an award to subcontract 61.4% to small business, 9.1% to small disadvantaged business, 5% to women-owned small business, 3% to service-disabled veteran-owned small business and 3% to Veteran-owned small business.

Q37: What about the protests to this contract award?

A37: Protests are common with large dollar contracts. If protests occur or are occurring with this contract, a legal expert will thoroughly and carefully investigate them. For information on legal questions, please contact Steve Feldman, 256-895-1102.

Q38: How many offers were reviewed in response to the solicitation?

A38: Three offers were received.

Q39: When was the solicitation released? Did it result from a pre-existing contract?

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A39: The solicitation was issued 1/27/02 and closed 2/26/02. It was created for this program.

Q40: Could the contact have been broken down into multiple smaller contracts to afford more opportunity for small businesses?

A40: It was determined that one contractor with overall management responsibility was required for a project of this size and complexity.

Q41: Who made the selection of the contractor? HNC or were other agencies involved?

A41: The source selection authority made the selection. A team of government, the prime contractor (Boeing), and other personnel participated in the evaluation process.

Q42: How do I get a list of the subcontractors on the project?

A42: Contact the Alaska public affairs office at 907-753-2520. You may refer to the contractor at 864-281-8341. This is Fluor's corporate headquarters in Greenville, SC, which is Eastern Daylight Time. For media inquiries - corporate in Anaheim CA, Fluor contact is Lisa Boyette (949) 349-3652 or Lori Serrato (949-349-7420).

Q43: Will the contract be modified now that Secretary Rumsfeld is talking about adding nuclear capabilities to the project per the article in the Washington Post, April 11?

A43: I don't know the answer to that question; contact LTC Rick Lehner 703-697-8997, Missile Defense Agency for information.

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